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1. Such lignite mines in the Province of Brandenburg as were not dismantled, and particularly those in the Senftenberg (A34) area, have been organized into an association called the "Brandenburgische Braunkohlenwerke". The central office for the technical administration is located in Senftenberg; the commercial offices are at the Ilse-Bückgen mine.
2. The direction of this joint enterprise rests almost entirely in the hands of persons who are already members of the SED or are under heavy pressure to join. The Soviet mining office in Senftenberg exercises a considerable influence over the affairs of the new organization.
3. At present the association employs approximately 16,500 persons, of which 15,500 are laborers.
4. The present lignite production is only about fifteen percent of the previous normal production in the Province of Brandenburg.
5. The last remaining modern conveying bridge belonging to the Anna-Sti mine is being dismantled.

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**Comment:** A March report from another source estimated the production at that time to be about fifty-seven percent of what it was before the dismantlings began.

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